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MEMORANDUM

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Secretary of Natural Resources

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INTENT TO AWARD Funding for 2016 Watershed Roundtable Activities

The Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) intends to fund up to 10 organizations to foster partnerships among community organizations, state and local agencies to facilitate watershed management and achieve watershed protection and restoration initiatives and promote pollution reduction activities in the Chesapeake Bay watershed. The determination to fund these organizations was made pursuant to review of applications to the **2016 Virginia Watershed Roundtable Support, Request for Applications**, issued November 10, 2015. The cumulative amount requested in all applications was \$139,248.76. DEQ intends to award \$90,596 to organizations in the Chesapeake watershed and \$39,490 to organizations in the Southern Rivers watershed (i.e. outside the Chesapeake Bay watershed). In addition, DEQ is still considering a request from the South Centre Corridors Resource Conservation & Development Council to maintain organization of the Albemarle-Chowan Roundtable. Final amounts of the awards articulated in this NOIA are contingent upon negotiations between DEQ and individual applicants.

#	Applicant / Sponsor	Name of Roundtable	Maximum Amount to be Awarded
1	Natural Bridge SWCD	Upper James River Resource Conservation and Development Council	\$ 13,494
2	Rappahannock River Basin Commission (Friends of the Rappahannock, Fiscal Agent)	Rappahannock River Basin Commission	\$ 13,146
3	Northern Virginia SWCD	Potomac Council / Potomac Watershed Roundtable	\$ 10,000
4	Henricopolis SWCD	Middle James Roundtable	\$ 13,500
5	Hanover Caroline SWCD	York River and Small Coastal Basin Roundtable	\$ 13,500
6	Eastern Shore Resource Conservation & Development Council	Eastern Shore Watersheds Network	\$ 13,456
7	Shenandoah Pure Water Forum	Shenandoah Pure Water Forum	\$ 13,500
8	Upper Roanoke Roundtable	Upper Roanoke Roundtable	\$ 12,490
9	Upper Tennessee Roundtable	Upper Tennessee Roundtable	\$ 13,500
10	New River Valley Regional Commission	New River Watershed Roundtable	\$ 13,500*

^{*}Funding will be phased into two separate agreements, contingent on grantee performance.

The purpose of these grant awards is to improve local water quality and restore the Chesapeake Bay by providing regional forums for stakeholders to participate in, and by addressing local water quality concerns through support of TMDL implementation and watershed management. Virginia's watershed roundtables and other watershed basin based organizations serve as vehicles for organizing broad stakeholder groups and communicating about nonpoint source (NPS) implementation objectives.